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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Sanitization of State/Defense Testimony on Funding of
Irregulars in Laos

25X1A 1. [] Deputy Chief, Far East Division, called to say the Pentagon had contacted him yesterday about the testimony of Warren Nutter and Bill Sullivan and others before the Senate Armed Services Committee on 7 March 1972 on the funding of irregulars in Laos. DOD is sanitizing the transcript and wanted to know if there were any security deletions which we felt should be made.

2. I checked with Jack Ticer, of the Committee staff, who said he had been putting pressure on DOD to get this transcript back for some time. After consulting Mr. Colby, [] told Pentagon representatives 25X1A that references to amounts of money being transferred to the Agency or included in the CIA budget should be deleted from the transcript. He also told them we felt the question should be raised with the Committee staff as to whether Senator Stennis would want to spread on the open record all of the discussion of the details of funding the irregulars and possible alternatives to the transfer of funds to the Agency.

3. I called Mr. Ticer again to convey this to him and asked that we be permitted to see a copy of the transcript with the recommended DOD deletions before it goes to the printer. Mr. Ticer said he would talk to Mr. Edward Braswell, Chief Counsel of the Committee, about the release of the discussion of the funding arrangements but he feels it will be difficult to omit it in view of the pressure Senator Symington is putting on them for the release of as much information as possible.

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